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Defense Chiefs Holding 3-Day Camp Meeting

Informal Confer-
ence Designed to
Get Leaders Bet-
ter Acquainted.

By ELTON C. FAY
QUANTICO MARINE BASE,
Va., July 23 (AP)

THE men who run the mili-
tary — more than 100 ci-
vilians, generals and ad-
mirals—begin tonight a camp-
meeting style conference.

For the next three days they
will live together, join in sports,
and talk serious business about
American defenses, the Korean
war and the Russian military
menace. Saturday they will be
joined by President Eisenhower.

Secretary of Defense Wilson
summoned all the top policy and
administrative officials of the
vast Defense Department to the
meetings, to run through Sun-
day morning. Invited, too, were
chiefs of other agencies whose
work involves defense matters.

Top Officials Attending.

Among those who have ac-
cepted his invitation are Vice
President Nixon, Budget Direc-
tor Joseph M. Dodge, Secretary
of the Treasury Humphrey, De-
fense Mobilizer Arthur S. Flem-
ming, Under Secretary of State
Walter Bedell Smith, Attorney
General Brownell, Chairman
Lewis Strauss of the Atomic En-
ergy Commission and Director
Allen W. Dulles of the Central
Intelligence Agency.

The outgoing and incoming
members of the Joint Chiefs of
Staff will be present, with Gen.
Omar Bradley, the present
chairman, and Adm. Arthur
Radford, the designated chair-
man, scheduled to make talks.

Wilson keynotes the meeting
in an opening address at a din-
ner tonight. He has told friends
in discussing the sessions here
that: "This is a good way of
achieving unification and co-op-
eration; it's better than a direc-
tive."

Informality Stressed.

It is Wilson's hope that each
of the officials—many, like him-
self, new to the Pentagon and
military matters—will get to
know the others on a first-name
basis. The invitation that went
out emphasized the informality
of the occasion.

Wilson, himself a golfer, has
set up a tournament, with han-
dicaps.

Behind the social aspect of
the Quantico conference, how-
ever, looms the deeply serious
matters which military men
must consider.